



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

March 24, 2010

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to all who came outfitted with enthusiasm and energy for the Hoop-a-thon last week. Our fifth grade has been especially busy this year reaching outside of the classroom to help others. See below for more information about a 5th grade Clean Up day. Our LSPA meeting last week was postponed until our April 8th date because of the chaos in schedules due to flood days. Please submit any subjects you would like discussed at that meeting. The April meeting is also our first run at filling all board positions for the LSPA for the 2010-2011 school year. We are always looking for new faces to round out our crew of devoted and talented volunteers. Please come and learn about the roles of each committee and investigate what might fit into your life. We have spots for parents who are available evenings as well as days. Also please make sure that we have your most up to date email address as many important notices, such as the LSPA meeting cancellation, are communicated via email. Please be aware that this Thursday is an EARLY RELEASE day so that our staff may continue their professional development. After a string of conference dates, flood days and see-saw weather, this one is sure to creep up on many of us! Our best, Bridget and Linda

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 25th

Early Release- Teacher Development

Friday, April 2nd

NO SCHOOL – Good Friday Holiday

Thursday, April 8th

LSPA meeting 8:30am

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to all the 5th grade children and parents who volunteered their time during March 10-12 to help run another successful babysitting event. This 5th grade tradition happens twice a year during parent-teacher conferences and helps raise money for all the exciting events planned for the 5th grade students. It is a welcome convenience for parents coming in for conferences and enjoyed by all the participants and their 5th

grade babysitters! - Anita Colasante and Sheryl Stein

HEALTH UPDATE

Pediculosis: Please continue to check your child's hair frequently for head lice. If you find any cases, please notify me so I may check the whole classroom. If you need assistance, feel free to call the health office.

Heights and Weights: for the entire school population will commence in April.

Illness: The gastrointestinal virus that has affected most of the schools over the last month seems to have tapered off. There seems to be quite a few outbreaks of conjunctivitis and strep throat.

Strep throat: is here at Lincoln. Sore throats may or may not be present with Strep, and not all kids have a fever. Children often complain of a stomachache and headache with Strep throat. If a diagnosis of Strep is made, students should stay at home until they have had at least 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and fever is gone.

There have also been a number of reported headaches, without fevers, lately. Please feel free to follow up with me if your child has reported consistent headaches.

Epipens: I am still interested in any expired epipens. I will use them in September to train the entire staff at Lincoln. Thanks to those who have donated some.

Attention All 5th Grade Parents:

A physical examination is now required for all 5th grade students entering McCall Middle School in September. Written validation of an examination dated between June 2009 and June 2010 will be accepted. Please continue to forward the forms to me as soon as your child has had his/her physical.

5th Grade Human Growth and Development Program for 5th grade students will be held in May. The date is TBD. Notices to parents/guardians will precede the program, as well as an opportunity for parents to preview the films.

--Lynn Vozzella R.N.

MATH AND SCIENCE MANIA

Calling all scientists in the Lincoln School Community! A Math and Science Mania

program will be held Wednesday May 5 from 6-7:30pm at Lincoln School. The planning committee is looking for parent volunteers to help create and present science and technology stations for the event. In past years, display topics included "See the sounds" (computer displays of sound frequencies), "Explore the world of engineering," "Optics, the science of light," "The MIT Chemistry Department," and "Polymers." We are hoping to have stations representing the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. If you would like to help us create a display in the area of your expertise, please contact Caroline Shamu at caroline_shamu@hms.harvard.edu



JUST 10 BOX TOPS

PER STUDENT = OUR \$1,500 GOAL!

A mere 10 Box Tops brought in by each Lincoln student will help us reach our \$1,500 goal! It's likely you have 10 Box Tops in your pantry right now. Participating products include family staples such as General Mills cereals, Old El Paso salsa and taco shells, Nature Valley granola bars, Pillsbury products, Pop Secret popcorn, Ziploc Brand bags and Kleenex...just to name a few! Simply tear off the Box Tops and send them into the classroom to help us earn cash for our school. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTERS DEBATE ON WINCAM

As may know, the School Committee race is contested this year. There are three candidates running for two seats. Given the many challenges facing our schools, we all need to be informed voters.

The League of Women Voters held a debate on Sunday which was attended by all three candidates and broadcast live on WinCam. Given the weather, attendance was light, but WinCam is re-broadcasting the debate on Channels 9 (Comcast) and 37

(Verizon) at the dates and times I am listing at the end of this email. (The schedule can also be found on the WinCam web site (<http://www.wincam.org/Schedule.html>)).

Mar. 22 3am 6:30am 6pm

Mar. 23 12am 6:30am 1:30pm 6pm 11pm

This is a very important election, so please educate yourselves, and please remember to vote on March 30!

CELEBRATE SPRING-SUPPORT WINCHESTER SCHOOLS!

Shop at Mahoney's on **Wednesday, March 31st**, and 10% of your total purchase will be donated to Winchester Public Schools. All purchases next Wednesday will go toward this district-wide fundraiser. No flyer necessary at time of purchase. Please contact Bridget Stump, bridget.stump@gmail.com if you have any questions.

SPED PAC and LBLB MEETING NOTICE

The PAC Support Group for LBLD/Dyslexia invites you to attend our next meeting on Thursday, April 1st at the Lynch School Library at 7:30pm. At this meeting, Donna Marcotte-Rizza will be joining us. Donna is a part time Assistive Technology Specialist for the Winchester School District. She will be discussing and demonstrating various types of Assistive Technology we have available in our schools as well as other types of software, tools, etc. that can help our children learn. We hope to see you at the meeting. Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net and Kim Lazarus kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net.

COME ON DOWN AND SEE WHAT THE "SURVEY SAYS"

On April 7th, 2010 at the Woburn Hilton, the Winchester Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Sixth Annual **Women Helping Women** fundraiser. This year, the chamber has put together the "Ultimate Game Show".

We have organized 8 amazing teams and they will compete in the "**Battle of the Broads**"-FAMILY FEUD style!!! We are inviting you to come and see what the "**Survey Says**" and cheer on your favorite team.

Participants include **PTO Representatives**: Emily Ehl, Maria O'Connor, Hillary Baker, Sue Kim and Heidi Driscoll. They may be competing against the team of **TOWNIES** which includes: Peggy Walker, Lynda Rae, Andrea Burbage, Trish Intravaia Cronin and Cathi Flaherty.

Tickets are on Sale now!!!! Tables of 10 can be purchased and reserved by calling the Chamber office. Tables of 10 assigned

only upon receipt of full payment. Checks payable to : **Winchester Chamber of Commerce, 25 Waterfield Rd., Winchester, MA 01890**

Individual tickets for sale at Book Ends. The cost per tickets is \$50 Sit Down Dinner included/cash bar. Questions call: 781 729-8870.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT!!!

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS A PARENTING BOOK GROUP ON

The Talk: What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex, Parenting in an Over-sexualized, Online, In-Your-Face World by Sharon Maxwell, Ph.D. In conjunction with Sharon Maxwell's talk on March 10th, Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library are offering a book group discussion on her book. How do we talk to our kids about integrity, values, and behavior? Completion of the book or prior attendance at the talk is not a prerequisite. Join us on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the meeting room of the Winchester Library from 7 to 8:30pm. The book can be requested online through the Minuteman Library Network: www.min.lib.ma.org or purchased at BookEnds at the book group discount.

AUTHORFEST

The 17th annual Authorfest will be Thursday, **April 15th**. 22 authors and illustrators will visit each Winchester public school plus St. Mary's. In addition, the Winchester Public Library will host author Susan Lubner who will present a program for preschool children at 9:45 am. Founded by school librarians and volunteers more than a decade ago, Authorfest is designed to strengthen children's love of reading and help improve their writing skills. Presenters visit each grade level, talking about how they write or illustrate a book plus the skills needed to get their work published. Personal contact with a published author often sparks student enthusiasm and classroom achievement in unexpected ways.

Among the authors/illustrators visiting Winchester this year are: Maryann Cocco-Leffler, Dan Mahoney, Lita Judge, Nancy Poydar, Barbara O'Connor and Anna Alter. Classroom visits aren't open to the public but everyone is welcome at the town wide book sale and signing at **Town Hall from 3:00pm – 5:00pm**. Book sale profits will bring more authors and illustrators to Winchester next year. The Book Ends website also features a link to purchase Authorfest books; www.bookendswinchester.com.

Authorfest is run by volunteers and funded by: each school's parent association and grants from the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE), the Winchester Cultural Council (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency) and the EnKa Society. Authorfest is also strongly supported by Book Ends. For more information please contact Ceci Cordeiro at cecicordeiro@comcast.net or 781-729-3192. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Anita Colasante at anitacola@yahoo.com or 781-775-6500.

FUN AT THE WRIGHT-LOCKE FARM

Sunday, April 11 from 1-3 PM

Come to our Spring Fling at Winchester's own Wright-Locke Farm. Enjoy a wonderful family afternoon waking up the farm and see how we look in the months before raspberry season. Come play with alpacas, goats, sheep, and a host of baby animals like lambs, piglets, bunnies, chicks and ducklings at our petting zoo. Dance and sway to the music of "Off the Record". Visit our many fun and informative tables. Take a tour of the farm. Run around. Roll down the hills.

The suggested donation of \$10 per person and \$25 per family will go towards the necessary re-roofing of our historic 1827 Barn. Come on over and enjoy the awakening of spring. Info at www.wlfarm.org.

WINCHESTER COOP THEATRE PRESENTS WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 19th-28th at McCall Middle School: Come share in the adventure of Charlie Bucket and four other lucky Golden Ticket holders as they tour the famed Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory. Winchester Coop Theatre's group of 4th, 5th and 6th graders brings to life the magical world inside this delicious factory with song and dance. Friday, March 19th @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 20th @ 1:00 p.m., Sunday March 21st @ 1:00 p.m., Friday March 26th @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 27th @ 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Sunday March 28th @ 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each). Recommended for ages 3 and up. **Special Performance Tuesday March 23rd @ 4:00 pm. Proceeds to benefit the GINN Playground Restoration Project.** Tickets for this special performance are \$15 and will be sold only at the door. Attendees to this special performance may win a GOLDEN TICKET and a chance to win a Wonka worthy prize. For information on

this special performance, contact presidents@winchesterneighbors.com.

WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART Promoting Excellence in Art Education

Winchester Friends of Art (WFOA) is busy this month with many opportunities to support art education in Winchester:

Raffle to win private art class from your art teacher! 1.5 hours for four students. \$10 for one raffle ticket or \$25 for three. Buy tickets from winchesterfoa@hotmail.com or at WFOA Family Reception (described below). And, FREE of charge at NextDoor Theater (Cross St.) through April 15, Winchester students and parents alike are invited to view (and purchase, if you like!) artwork done by art teachers at all levels of the Winchester school system.

WFOA Family Reception. Saturday, March 27 at Sons of Italy (Swanton St.) from 2 - 4pm. Take the family to view art created by Winchester students and by professional artists at this FREE family reception. Winning tickets for Art Class Raffle will be drawn at 3:30pm.

WFOA Annual Party for the Arts. Saturday, March 27 at Sons of Italy from 8 - 11 pm. Join fellow Winchester residents for WFOA's always fun fundraising party - an auction of artwork by professional artists and high school seniors and of goods donated by local businesses, with live music by the Liz Lannon Band, dessert bar, and cash bar. Tickets are \$35 each in advance from BookEnds.

WHS SOFTBALL CLINIC

The Winchester High School Softball program is offering a three-session clinic to get youth players from grades 3-8 ready for their upcoming seasons. Whether you are new to softball, a returning spring league player, or an experienced travel team softballer, Mastering Softball Basics is the clinic for you! For three consecutive Saturdays, WHS Varsity Coach Steve Swymer and his staff of experienced coaches and players will work with clinic participants on all aspects of the game. Players will receive instruction and reinforce their softball skills through a number of softball drills and workout stations. Players will be grouped by age and skill level. The clinic will take place at the Winchester High School Gym/Field House on March 27, April 3, and April 10 from 3:45 to 6 pm. Total cost for the three-session clinic is \$75. Visit www.eteamz.com/FriendsofWHSsoftball to download registration forms or to register/pay online. Call 781-729-1740 for more information about this great clinic opportunity.

WINCHESTER POP WARNER

Winchester Pop Warner is holding its 1st Annual Fundraiser! Please join us on April 10th for our "Tailgate Fundraiser" at the Sons of Italy from 7pm - Midnight. Tickets are \$40. More information is available at: <http://www.winchesterpopwarner.com/fundraiser/>

WFDC 2010 KENTUCKY DERBY RAFFLE DRAW WILL BE LIVE

The Winchester Field Development Councils (WFDC) 2010 Kentucky Derby Raffle winner will be drawn live on Wincam at 7:30pm on April 1, 2010. This event will be available on channel 8 for Winchester Comcast customers and on channel 36 for Winchester Verizon customers. The live broadcast will also feature a status report on the Manchester Field Renovation project. The winner of this raffle will receive Airfare, Lodging, 4 Premium seats to the 2010 Kentucky Derby and a Private Farm visit to one of the elite Thoroughbred breeding farms in all of Kentucky. The 2010 Kentucky Derby will be held at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky on May 1st. Tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity may be purchased in person during regular business hours at Book Ends in Winchester center on Friday March 19th and 26th and Saturday, March 20th and 27th. Interested parties may also purchase tickets anytime prior to April 1st by contacting Lisa Basile at lisa.basile@comcast.net or Paul Manganaro at 781-937-8880 x325. The cost of a raffle ticket is \$100, and a maximum of 500 tickets will be sold. Proceeds from this raffle will benefit Phase 2 of the Manchester Field Renovation project. To learn more about the WFDC please visit us at www.wfdc.net. Don't miss out on your chance at this first class experience for four: order your tickets today!

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

The Winchester Multicultural Network invites interested town residents and workers and friends of the Network, to our annual weekend community workshop: *Deepening Your Multicultural Understanding* on Friday evening, April 9, 7 to 9 P.M. and continuing Saturday, April 10, 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main Street. Note: Limited space, pre-registration is required. *The workshop is offered free of charge, thanks to support from the Cummings Foundation and the generosity of Network contributors.* **Who should come?** Anyone interested in fostering multiculturalism, the ongoing process of recognizing, understanding, and

appreciating differences—as well as similarities—in family, community, schools, and workspaces, should attend. **What does it cost?** The workshop is free, thanks to the generosity of Network contributors. We welcome contributions of any amount to help defray our expenses. **Who leads this workshop?** Angela Giudice, an independent multicultural consultant, educator, and community activist, will facilitate the workshop. The VISIONS model for looking at multiculturalism is the basis of the Network's philosophy and approach to addressing issues of difference. Leave with your own personal toolbox! Guidelines for Discussion, Common Language and Vocabulary for Multicultural Issues, Framework for Understanding, and More! Call the WMCN office (781 729-7100) or e-mail (office@wmcn.org) immediately to reserve a space or for info.

TASTE OF WINCHESTER

The 4th annual "Taste of Winchester," to benefit the Griffin Museum of Photography, will be held on Friday, March 26th, 2010, from 7 to 10 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography. This popular community event is a chance to sample delicious food and wine from favorite local restaurants and shops, enjoy live music and win fabulous door prizes. Tickets are \$60 and will be available at the end of February at Bookends and through the Griffin Museum at www.griffinmuseum.org (781)729-1158. The event sold out last year, so be sure to get your tickets early!

PLAYGROUND RESTORATION

March 27, 2010, 7:30-10:30pm at Parish of the Epiphany Church - Help us BeGINN Again! Let the Winchester Neighbors Club take you **From Aspen to Antigua** at the WNC Sping Gala, all to benefit the Ginn Playground Restoration Project. Food by Green Olive, steel drum music by PanNeubean Steel, an open beer and wine bar, and the opportunity to purchase a variety of once-in-a-lifetime experiences in silent and live auctions await you. Some of the amazing auction items include the opportunity to spend 2011's April vacation week at a fabulous 4-bedroom villa in the five star resort Peninsula Papagayo in Costa Rica, a private outing aboard a luxury Hinckley Picnic boat, and ice time with pro hockey player Paul Mara. For more information, please go to www.beGINNagain.com, and to purchase tickets (\$125 each), please go to www.winchesterneighbors.com/ginn gala.

COOL WINCHESTER PRESENTS...

"The Path to Zero Energy Homes" at the Winchester Public Library - Large Meeting Room on April 13th from 7:00 -8:30 PM. Presenters will be Stephanie Horowitz, AIA, and Jordan Goldman, LEED AP, from Zero Energy Design. Come and learn about deep energy retrofits and zero energy homes. The discussion will include understanding how energy performance is measured, an explanation of major energy upgrades for existing homes, and an overview of energy design options for new high performance homes. Zero Energy Design (ZED) is an architecture and energy consulting firm, specializing in new construction and major renovations, and offers innovative and ecologically sensible design. The firm is committed to designing homes and buildings that use 50% less energy than building code requires, in pursuit of energy independence. Zero Energy Design has been rewarded for excellent architecture and mechanical engineering by some of the industry's most prestigious associations and organizations such as: Boston Society of Architects - Citation for Sustainability, PRISM Gold Award for Most Innovative Single Family Green Design, 2008-09 Kitchen Design Award sponsored by appliance manufacturers Sub-Zero and Wolf. Recently the Managing Director of ZED, Stephanie Horowitz, AIA, has been awarded with the Five Under Forty Award of New England Homes, which spotlights the hottest emerging talent in residential design in New England.

EN KA SOCIETY NEWS

The En Ka Society, Winchester's oldest women's service organization, seeks donations of lightly-used children's and adult books to support the book sale tent at the Society's annual Street Fair, scheduled for May 14 and 15. This year's Fair is titled *Hats Off to You!* Beginning April 1st, books can be left anytime on the wooden collection pallets at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to the Ambrose School at 27 High Street in Winchester. Look for signs saying "Book Drop Here." Books should be placed in small, easy-to-handle boxes. Please wrap boxes in plastic to protect the books from the elements. En Ka is particularly in need of gently read paperback fiction, mysteries, and children's books. Videos, DVDs, audiotapes and CDs in good condition are also appreciated. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. All proceeds from the book sale will support En Ka's annual grants to dozens of Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Books that remain

unsold at the end of the Fair will be donated to a variety of charities. Questions: email enkabooks@yahoo.com.

THE EN KA FAIR IS COMING! The theme this year is "Hats off to You:" May 14 and 15, 2010! En Ka Parade: May 15, 2010. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EN KA FAIR:** Volunteers who are over 18 years of age are needed for the upcoming En Ka Fair being held Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Those interested in taking tickets for a ride or helping with a game for a two-hour shift, please Contact Karen Knouse at 721-2829. **En Ka Day at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge to Be Held Wednesday, May 13th:** The En Ka annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 13th at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates, and more. For the 28th consecutive year, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants for Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Please pay at the Main Greenhouse.

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